

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 470

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Merissa Mayo, 2007 Salutatorian of Gleason School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Merissa Mayo is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2007 graduating class at Gleason School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Mayo has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Ms. Mayo has maintained her place on the Honor Roll every six weeks while participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including service as President of the Student Council, Senior Class Secretary, Beta Club Reporter, Science Club Reporter, and SCOPE delegate; and

WHEREAS, she has also been a member of FCCLA and Weakley County Youth Leadership, participated in Girls State and Summer College at Ole Miss, and served as a page for Senator Roy Herron; she tutors elementary and high school students, has volunteered at Henry County Medical Center, and is an active member of the Gleason Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Merissa Mayo has been voted Most Intelligent and Most Likely to Succeed in *Who's Who*; she also placed first in the school science fair, won honorable mention in the county and regional science fairs, and won the UTM Sigma Xi Award and Delta Faucet Green Award at the regional science fair; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mayo's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success as a student at Vanderbilt University, where she will pursue a double major in Biology and Economics; and

WHEREAS, Merissa Mayo's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Ricky and Lori Mayo; her brothers, Matt and Chris; her school; and her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mayo's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2007 Gleason School Salutatorian, Merissa Mayo, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.